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: Art Unit: 2676
Application No.: 10/633,036)
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: For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: METHOD, IMAGE)
: PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
: STORAGE MEDIUM AND)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of those documents are enclosed, as is a copy of an Office Action issued November 18, 2005, in the PRC counterpart application that cited one of those documents.

For the relevance of the non-English document, which was cited in an Office Action which was issued by the Japanese Patent Office on September 20, 2005, with respect to Japanese counterpart Patent Application No. 2002-238103, Applicants submit the following comments.

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Applicants advise that the cited Japanese document roughly discloses that plural samples corresponding to plural parameters are displayed, and image data is processed by the parameter of the selected sample. More specifically, the eight images displayed on the periphery of the selected image are also selectable by one-time operation. However, in a case of selecting the images at the edge of the map representing the color space, it is necessary to perform the plural-time selection processes. That is, the positions which can be indicated on the map representing the color space by one-time operation are limited to those displayed on the periphery of the selected image, whereby it is impossible to always indicate the arbitrary position on the map representing the color space.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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